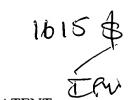


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of express mailing, on or before June 30, 2003. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the fee for the petition for extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02 4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: none.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS: none.

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